I.C.P.O. Calendar

01-10 December 2005

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I.C.P.O. Calendar (Dec 01 - Dec 10, 2005)
Islands, Castles & Portable Operations.
Operations are listed by start date (Day/Month/Year).
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01/12/2005: Eugene W2LU and Stephen WA2WVI plan to be active from Western Samoa (IOTA OC-097). Their tentative dates are December 1-5th. Their callsigns are not known yet. They plan to focus on 160 and 75 meters SSB; check 1850 and 3795 kHz, listening down 5, between 1600-0600z. [Tnx OPDX]

01/12/2005: Look for the special call DK0SOTA to be aired December 1st from Hoher Stein summit [578M] (SOTA reference DL/SX-140, WW Loc. JO60NS), Saxony Region. Activity will be on 14.285 MHz SSB, 145.575 MHz FM and 430.150 MHz FM starting around 1600 UTC. QSL via the DARC bureau. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

01/12/2005: SICILY CASTLES EXPEDITION December 1st - 4th, 2005. On December 1st starts a castle expedition in Sicily. Purpose is to activate D.C.I. references in all Sicilian provinces on 40 and 20 meters, possibly 80 meters too. If all goes well the program is: December 1st, starting about 09:00 UTC, from Palermo (PA), Messina (ME) and Catania (CT); December 2nd from Siracusa (SR), Ragusa (RG), Caltanissetta (CL) and Agrigento (AG); December 3rd from Enna (EN) and Caltanissetta (CL); December 4th from Sciacca (Agrigento province, district 202, for the Italian districts by castles award) and TRAPANI (TP). The operators will be Gianfranco IT9/I6DHY/p and Piero IT9/I1ASU/p. Activity will be on 40 and 20 meters, simultaneously, using Dunestar filters provided by Rblob Radio Group, late afternoon they will switch to 80 meters. A QSL will be sent for every contact via the bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

01/12/2005: Roger, LA4GHA, will be operating from Bear Island (IOTA EU-027) between December 1st, 2005, and June 2006. His callsign will be JW4GHA. His activity will be on 160-2 meters, and on CW, SSB and the digital modes. QSL via his home callsign, LA4GHA, by the bureau or direct to: Roger Bjoergvik, The Registry, Court of BiH, Kraljice Jelene 88, 71 000 Sarajevo, BiH. [Tnx OPDX]

02/12/2005: Joel, 4S7PAG, will be QRV from Barberyn Island (IOTA AS-171) December 2-4th. This activity will also count for the Barberyn lighthouse (WLOTA L-0024). QSL via F5PAC, direct (Joel Sutterlin F5PAC, 1 Rue du Rossberg, F-68310 Wittelsheim, France) or through the bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

02/12/2005: Wolfgang, DH3ZK/p, will be active December 2nd from the following references for the Summits on the Air award: at 11:00 UTC from Bremberg summit [809M] (SOTA DL/NW-027, WW Loc. JO41FE), North Rhine-Westfalia Region; and at 13:00 UTC from Poppenberg summit [746M] (DL/NW-028, WW Loc. JO41GE), North Rhine-Westfalia Region. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

02/12/2005: Peri, DJ4PM (HB9IQB), will be QRV December 2-21st from the island of Sylt (IOTA EU-042, GIA N-16 for the German Islands award). Activity will be on all HF bands, CW and BPSK31. QSL via HB9IQB (QRZ.com). [Tnx rsgbiota.org]

02/12/2005: Look for Rich (W6VX), Jim (N6KZ), Frank (N6FH), Skip (KJ6Y), Don (N6IC), Dick (W8DX) and Jay (WB9AWX) to be active December 2-5th from Santa Catalina Island (IOTA NA-066, USI CA-016S, Los Angeles County), California. They will operate from Two Harbors, on Santa Catalina Island. Activity will be on 80-10 meters, WARC included, with 100 watt rigs and beams. QSL via the individual operators home call. [Tnx rsgbiota.org]

02/12/2005: Look for PQ7Q to be active from Farol de Olinda lighthouse (ARLHS BRA-068), Brazil, in the ARRL 160 Meter Contest. QSL via operators' instructions. [Tnx PY7GK]

03/12/2005: Fran?ois (F5JNE) and Claude (F5MCC) will be active December 3rd as F5JNE/p from the Moulin Jacquot island in the City of Accolay (Yonne). This activity will count for the following award programs: DIFI (French Inland islands), the Moulin Jacquot Island (DIFI 89013R, Not IOTA); DMF (French Mills Award), Le Moulin Jacquot (DMF 89-030 (Jacquot Mill); and the Bertrau Castle (DFCF reference 89254, for the French Fortresses and Castles award). Other references: Department Yonne (DDFM 89), Province of Burgundy, Canton 89-34 and the City of Accolay (CP 89460). Look for them on 40 meter CW and SSB starting around 07:00 UTC. QSL via the bureau. SWL cards are welcome. [Tnx F5NQL]

03/12/2005: Davide (IW9GUR), Angelo (IW9HLM), Riccardo (IT9CVO) and Alfio (IT9EJW) will operate as IU9LAC from Lachea Island (IOTA EU-165, IIA CT-002, MIA MI-049) December 3-4th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters, WARC bands included, with two stations operational. QSL via IW9HLM, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

03/12/2005: JA5BEX/5 and JN4MBO/5 will be active from Naoshima Island (IOTA AS-076, JIIA AS-076-New!), JA5 Shikoku Islands group December 3-5th. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [Tnx JI6KVR]

03/12/2005: As part of the LLDXT Surinam activity we are happy to announce we have arranged transportation and permission to land on the rare IOTA island 'Papegaaien eiland' (Parrot Island). This will be the second time that SA-092 will be activated. The activity will take place December 3rd and 4th. The call PZ5C/P will be used. The team members are Rob PA2R, Ronald PA3EWP and Ramon PZ5RA. Two 100 watt SSB and CW stations and monoband verticals for 15, 17 and 20 meter will be used above salt water. We have been advised to leave the island before sun set so we will only be active from 10:00 - 20:00 UTC. The QSL manager is PA7FM. Logs will be published on http://www.lldxt.nl [Tnx W4DKS]

03/12/2005: Look for Kelly, N0VD, to be operating from the Turks and Caicos Islands December 3-10th, with an entry in the ARRL 10m Contest (December 10-11th) as VP5D. Before and after the contest, Kelly will be signing VP5/N0VD with a concentration on the lower bands. A special effort will also be made to activate various digital modes on all bands outside of the 10m contest. QSL both VP5D and VP5/N0VD direct, via the bureau or LoTW. [Tnx OPDX]

03/12/2005: Don, VP8ON, reports that hopefully VP8LGT will be aired from Cape Pembroke Lighthouse (WLH VP8-002, ARLHS FAL-001), Falkland Islands (SA-002) December 3-4th to celebrate the 150th anniversary of

the first lighting of its lamp (December 5, 1855). QSL via VP8ON (Donald Betts, P.O. Box 809, Stanley, Falkland Islands, FIQQ-1ZZ, South Atlantic). [Tnx 425DXN]

03/12/2005: John, KF0RQ, will be active from Cambodia as XU7ACQ between December 3rd and 28th. Activity will be on 14245 kHz SSB (+/- QRM), 14:00 - 17:00 UTC daily. QSL via KF0RQ. [Tnx NG3K]

04/12/2005: Wolfgang, DH3ZK/p, will be active December 4th from the following references for the Summits on the Air award: at 10:00 UTC from Hoherodskopf summit [764M] (SOTA DL/HE-304, WW Loc. JO40OM), Hesse Region; and at 14:00 UTC from Gackenstein summit [663M] (SOTA DL/HE-306, WW Loc. JO40OM), Hesse Region. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

04/12/2005: Steve (G4EDG) and Jeff (G4ELZ) will be signing /SV8 from Kythira Island (IOTA EU-113, MIA MG-062) from December 4th to 11th. They will be using FT100 and FT817 into G3HCT vertical and modified dipoles, running 100 watts output. This operation will also count for Nisos Kythirs (Gerico) lighthouse (WLOTA L-1703). QSL via home calls. [Tnx JI6KVR]

05/12/2005: Roberto, IW1RIH, will be QRV December 5-12th as 8Q7IH from Rannalhi Island (IOTA AS-013), the Maldives. Rannalhi Island is located 35 km, away from Male' in the South Male' Atoll, 45 minutes by speedboat. QSL via IW1RIH. [Tnx F5NQL]

10/12/2005: Richard, G3CWI/p, plans to activate Bishop Wilton Wold summit [246M] (SOTA G/TW-004), Tyne to the Wash region, Grid Reference: SE 821569 on December 109th. Activity will be on 7.030 MHz CW, starting around 12:00 UTC. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]
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LOOKING AHEAD -

15/12/2005: Tibi, HA7TM, will be active as 6W/HA7TM from the QTH of 6W7RV located in Le Caola, Senegal, December 15-22nd. Activity will be HF, mainly CW and SSB, possibly RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx NG3K]

15/12/2005: Jean-Paul F5BU (ex FT5WJ on Crozet Island) is going to stay at Dumont d'Urville station (WAP FRA-01), Petrel Island (IOTA AN-017), Adelie Land, Wilkes Land, from mid December, 2005, to the end of February, 2006. He hopes to be active in his free time on 20 meter SSB and is actually asking for a callsign like FT5YH. The QSL will be printed a few weeks after his return and will be available via his home call F5BU. It has been a long time since the French Antarctic station Dumont d'Urville was not on the air! [Tnx F5NQL]

22/12/2005: Hide, JM1LJS, plans to be QRV as KH2VL/KH0 from Saipan (IOTA OC-086), Northern Mariana Islands December 22-25th. QSL via JM1LJS (QRZ.com). [Tnx JM1LJS]

23/12/2005: 4Z4BS, 4Z4KX, 4Z5LA, 4Z5FI, 4Z1UF and 4X1VF will operate as 4X411A from the Dead Sea, the lowest exposed point on the Earth's surface. The Dead Sea is 411 meters deep at its deepest point, hence the special call issued to this operation. Activity will take place December 23-24th, with two stations on 80-10 meter CW and SSB, from Holyland squares M25BS and M26BS. QSL via 4Z4BS. [Tnx 425DXN]

25/12/2005: Philippe, F4EGS, returns to Chad from December 25th to the end of February 2006, and again from May to July 2006. These are Military assignments. Once again the callsign TT8PK has been issued. Activity is scheduled from 20 to 10 meters with a FT100 and a MA5V antenna. If Philippe may have the loan of Cushcraft R7 or R8 antenna, he will be active from 40 to 10 meters. The mode uses are digitals and may be SSB. You can indicate to Philippe, the bands you are needing from Chad/TT8, at Philippe's address: kochp@wanadoo.fr . QSL via F4EGS when return to Metropolitan France. [Tnx F5NQL]

30/12/2005: Richard, GW3CWI/p, will be active from the following locations for the Summits On The Air award (SOTA) - Cyrniau Nod summit [667M] (SOTA GW/NW-034), North Wales region, Grid Reference: SH 988279, starting 11:30 UTC; Foel Goch summit [611M] (SOTA GW/NW-039), North Wales region, Grid Reference: SH 953423, starting 12:30 UTC; Arenig Fach summit [689M] (SOTA GW/NW-027), North Wales region, Grid Reference: SH 821416, starting 15:00 UTC; and Carnedd y Filiast summit [669M] (SOTA GW/NW-032), North Wales region, Grid Reference: SH 871446, starting 15:30 UTC. Both will be short activations on 7.030 MHz CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

28/01/2006: If you are missing HB0 on 160 meters, look for T93M, T93Y, T94DX (DJ2MX) and T94JJ (OE1EMS) to be active as HB0/T94DX from Liechtenstein during the next CQ 160 meter contest (January 28-29, 2006). [Tnx F5NQL]

18/02/2006: Alfredo, WP3C, will be active in the ARRL DX CW contest (February 18-19th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power category. QSL via W3HNK. [Tnx NG3K]

18/03/2006: Hide, JM1LJS, plans to be QRV as T80W from Palau (IOTA OC-009) March 18-21st. Activity will be on all bands. QSL via JM1LJS (QRZ.com). [Tnx JM1LJS]

07/04/2006: Simon, M0BOX, plans a second and final holiday trip to the Maldives. Look for him to be active April 7-20th as 8Q7BO from the Kuredu Island Resort (IOTA AS-018). Activity will be on all bands 40 through 10 meters, WARD included, in his spare time. Simon will concentrate on the digital modes, mainly PSK31 plus RTTY and maybe SSTV if requested, and of course SSB. He will NOT be accepting SKED requests before activation, however, Simon hopes this time to connect to the DX Cluster to advise operation frequency and mode. QSL via home call. Further information and updates can be found at http://www.btinternet.com/~m0box . [Tnx rsgbiota.org]

14/04/2006: Team leader Fredy (DE0MST) along with operators Daki (9A2WJ), Boro (9A3KB), Emir (9A6AA), Sven (DF9MV), Mathias (DL5MFL), Fredy's XYL Maria and Sven's XYL Petra plan to be active April 14-22nd as 9A0CI and homecall/p from Dugi Otok Island (IOTA EU-170, IOCA CI-018 for the Islands of Croatia award, CIA-10 for the Croatian Islands award, ACIA IC-367 for the All Croatian Islands award, MIA MC-074 for the Mediterranean Islands award, County ZD). They will also be activating the Veli Rat lighthouse (ARLHS CRO-183, WLH 9A-077, WLOTA L-2375) at the same time. QSL 9A0CI via DE0MST (100% via bureau), others via their home calls. [Tnx DE0MST]

05/07/2006: Jarno (OH6NJ), Pertti (OH6PL) and Markku (OH6UV) plan to be active as OH6AW/5 from the island of Kaunissaari (IOTA EU-140) from July 5-10th. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via OH6AD

(QRZ.com). [Tnx rsgbiota.org]
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SPECIAL EVENTS -

01/12/2005: Special event station LR50U (L R 5 Zero U) will be on the air during December to celebrate 50 years since the first operation from the South Sandwich Island Argentine station. The Radio Club Pampeano will celebrate this event during the entire month, and, between December 7th and 12th, three members from GACW, LU1DZ, LU7EE and LW2DX, will join the locals. The modes will be mainly CW and SSB. QSL via LU6EF (QRZ.com). You will find more and useful information regarding this activity on the GACW website (http://gacw.no-ip.org). [Tnx LU6EF]
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Dave Raycroft - VA3RJ
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